# Rhodes France Scout Reservation

Greater St. Louis Area Council

**2023**

Scouts BSA
Summer Camp
Leader Guide

## I CAN DO THAT!

# Welcome to

## RHODES FRANCE

# GREATER ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

Rhodes France Scout Reservation is a 640 acre camp in Central Illinois featuring 13 campsites, 2 lakes, and an outstanding shooting sports area. Other features of the camp include an inground swimming pool, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, stand-up paddleboards, a beautiful chapel, and a large campfire arena overlooking one of the lakes. Special programs offered include STEM related merit badges, BSA Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Program, a great First-Year Scout Program, and much more!

**2023 Sessions**

Session 1 - June 11 - 17
Session 2 - June 18 - 24
Session 3 - June 25 - July 1

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## What's New in 2023?

**NEW MERIT BADGES**

Animal Science, Art, Astronomy, Chess, Electricity, Fish & Wildlife Management, Moviemaking, Photography, Pulp & Paper, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Rowing, Scouting Heritage, Sustainability, and Weather

**COUNCIL HELP DESK**

If you have questions about camp, you can email help@stlbsa.org. A member of our Council staff will be in touch with an answer.

# Camp Planning

## Camp Planning in 4 Easy Steps

**Step 1: Read this guide entirely.** Each year there are programmatic and procedural changes. This guide provides all the latest information.

**Step 2: Get organized.** Start the planning process with your unit now so you can get the information you need in advance of deadlines.

**Step 3: Ask questions.** If you are unsure of anything, please don't hesitate to reach out. Parent's questions should be directed to unit leaders to streamline communications with the Council.

- Email: help@stlbsa.org
- Telephone - 314.361.0600

**Step 4: Help us help you.** Some things will go wrong. That's life! Please let us know ASAP so we can work with you to address any issues that crop up.

## Checklist

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ | ASAP | ite Reserved. |
| ☐ | January 3 | Individual Registration Opens. Begin making individual payments. |
| ☐ | January 3 | Scouts current with payment schedule can select classes. |
| ☐ | Mid-January | Unit Leaders attend Camp Leader Webinar. |
| ☐ | March | Unit Leaders attend Camp Leader Meeting. |
| ☐ | April 12 | Camper Savings Day. Pay in full to receive a $20 discount. |
| ☐ | May 1 | Campership applications due. |
| ☐ | May | Gather BSA Medical Forms for all attending camp. |
| ☐ | May | Submit any special dietary needs/food allergies. |

# Camp Planning

## Camp Fees

These fees apply to one week of Scouts BSA Summer camp with a Troop or individually.

**Youth**

- If paid in full on or before April 12th, 2023: $385
- If paid in full April 13 - May 31: $405
- If paid in full after May 31: $415

**Leaders**

- 3 - 10 Scouts: 1 free leader
- 11 - 20 Scouts: 2 free leaders
- 21 - 30 Scouts: 3 free leaders
- 31 - 40 Scouts: 4 free leaders
- 41 - 50 Scouts: 5 free leaders
- Each additional leader: $120

**Payment Schedule**

| | |
|---|---|
| March 10 | $75.00 |
| April 28 | $165.00 |
| May 31 | $165.00 |

To qualify for the Camper Savings $20 discount. The entire fee of $385 must be paid on or before **April 12, 2023**.

## Discounts

**Multiple Week Discount**
$100 off a second week of a qualifying camp.

**Family Discount**
$100 off each additional Scout attending from the same household.

Multiple Week and Family discounts will be automatically applied within the registration system. For Multiple Week discounts, the system will qualify the discount based on two (or more) registrations having a Scout with the same first name, last name, and unit number. For the Family discount, the system will qualify the discount based on two (or more) Scouts having the same street address. For each discount, one Scout/session will need to be paid in full before the discount can be automatically applied to the other Scout(s)/Session(s). Discounts are not eligible for NYLT or Horse Camp. **Discounts cannot be combined, including with camperships.**

# Camp Planning

### Register Individual Scouts

Beginning January 3rd

- Enter names of Scouts attending camp.
- Setup Parent Portal option for parents to make payments and register their Scout(s) for merit badges.
- Apply payments to individual Scouts.
- Remove unused youth and adult slots by completing the Participant Deletion Form.

### Select Merit Badges

Beginning January 3rd

- Scouts who are current with the payment schedule may register for merit badges through the unit registration or Parent Portal.

## Camperships

Every youth deserves the opportunity to experience summer camp. Camperships may cover up to 50% of the full camp fee. To apply for a campership, submit an application via our online form (https://247scouting.com/forms/312-campership23) by May 1, 2023; camperships will be available until funds are depleted.

***Camperships are limited to one per qualifying Scout and are only available to Scouts registered as a member of the Greater St. Louis Area Council attending an in-Council camp.***

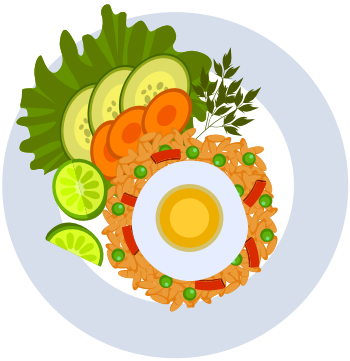
## Cancellations & Refunds

Refunds may be issued in circumstances involving medical or family emergencies and must be requested online at https://247scouting.com/forms/?OrgKey=BSA312&id=2925 before August 31, 2023. Unit should attempt to collect fees from families before making payments. **Refund requests from units that make payments on behalf of families that ultimately do not come to camp will only be considered in the case of medical or family emergencies. Refunds are made to the individual or group who made the payment.**

# Camp Planning

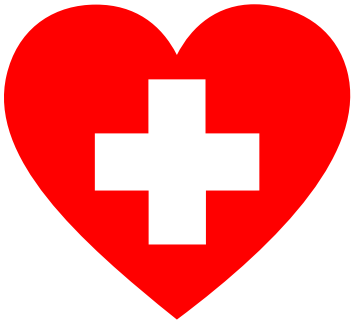
## HELP START YOUR WEEK SMOOTHLY BY HAVING THE RIGHT FORMS

**Below is an explanation for the three most common types of forms/documentation that Scouts and Adult Leaders need to provide either before or upon arriving at camp.**



### SPECIAL DIETS

**Allergies and special diets are a common concern of our campers. Our food service providers are happy to accommodate any diet for religious, medical or allergy needs; however, a form must be submitted three weeks prior to arrival. The online form can be found at: www.stlbsa.org/camps**



### BSA ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD

**All youth and adults attending camp must have a current BSA Annual Health & Medical Record form. Part C of this form requires a visit to a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Please note that school, sport, or any other physical form cannot be substituted for the BSA's form. The most current form is found at https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/**

### MERIT BADGE PRE-WORK

**Many of the Merit Badges we offer have "prerequisites" that Scouts should make every effort to complete prior to camp. This is typically because the requirements cannot practically be completed at camp. Scouts should come prepared with any supporting documentation needed for these Merit Badges.**

# Camp Planning

## PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- Water bottle
- Completed & signed medical form
- Medications, with directions, in original containers
- Duffle bag or pack
- Swimsuit (pack on top)
- Towels (pack on top)
- Field uniform
- Hiking shoes/boots
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Sweatshirt/light jacket
- Sunscreen
- Shower shoes/sandals
- Camp/Scout T-shirts
- Underwear
- Socks (6+ pair)
- Washcloth
- Soap & Shampoo
- Mess kit
- Toothbrush & paste
- Hairbrush or comb
- Flashlight & batteries
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Pocketknife
- Personal first aid kit
- Sleeping bag or sheets & blanket
- Pillow
- Pajamas
- Camp chair
- Merit badge pamphlet, advance work & writing materials
- Scouts BSA Handbook
- CPR Certification or GSLAC "Red Card"
- Spending money
- Bandanas

**Prohibited items:** firearms or ammunition, fireworks, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and aerosol products

**Items not recommended:** electronic devices (such as Nintendo Switch, iPods), items of value, and extra food that might attract animals

***Campers should mark all of their equipment and clothing with their names.***

A Scout is welcome in any Scout camp, whether or not he or she owns a Scout uniform.

# Health & Safety

**Rhodes France is staffed 24 hours a day by qualified health personnel. The camp medical director office hours will be posted. All injuries and illnesses — no matter how minor — should be reported to the health office. Persons with serious injuries or illnesses requiring hospitalization are transported to Pana Community Hospital in Pana. If an emergency occurs that requires calling 911, also contact your camp office immediately.**

## MEDICAL FORMS & RECHECKS

Every Scout and adult attending camp must — upon arrival — present a completed health record: Parts A, B, and C of the current Annual Health and Medical Record. Part C must be signed by licensed medical personnel (limited to a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner). The Annual Health and Medical Record requires a yearly medical exam by licensed medical personnel for all Scouts and adults attending camp.

Medical recheck takes place in the campsite by the troop counselor and an adult leader of the troop. Medical forms should remain in the campsite during check-in.

Adults who will spend fewer than 72 hours in camp are classified as visiting leaders and are not required to have the physician's statement. They must complete Parts A and B of the Annual Health and Medical Record.

Medical forms can be downloaded from the Summer Camps page at stlbsa.org. The forms can be filled out online, printed, and saved with the typed information. Beware of common errors: missing date of physical, doctor's signature, and tetanus shot date.

**Unit leaders should collect and review all medical forms prior to camp**. If the unit leader has any questions concerning a Scout's medical form, they should contact the Scout's parents.

## EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS?

For the safety of everyone in camp, Scouts and adults are not to attend camp if they have had flu-like symptoms in the 3 days prior to their arrival in camp. Flu-like symptoms include fever (100 degrees or higher), cough, sore throat, chills, headache, fatigue, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Parents and unit leaders are responsible for ensuring that Scouts and adults who are ill do not come to camp.

## MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Parents of Scouts are responsible for the cost of any treatment that cannot be done in camp. Non-emergency transportation of a Scout or leader to a hospital is the responsibility of the troop. In case of an emergency, transportation is provided by local authorities. Parents of the Scout are responsible for any costs incurred for emergency transportation.

## MEDICATION

Medications **MUST** be kept secure and dispensed by the unit leader. Unit leaders should keep track of when, how much, the type, and by whom the medication was dispensed. When requested, the camp holds medications requiring refrigeration or those that the camper and his leaders feel uncomfortable holding.

# While at Camp

## Opening Day & Arrival

**ARRIVING AT CAMP**

Your troop may move one trailer to the campsite beginning at 1:00pm on Sunday. Each troop is responsible for moving its trailer. **NO OTHER VEHICLES SHOULD BE AT THE CAMPSITE!** Please plan on transporting your gear to the campsite if it is not in the trailer in the provided wagons.

Upon arrival, Troops will be met by their Site Counselor who will guide them through the check-in process including medical screenings & swim tests.

A unit leader MUST check-in at the Registration Building upon arrival. This is to make sure the camp has an accurate list of attendees and all fees are settled.

An optional camp tour will be offered at 5:00pm to familiarize Scouts and Leaders with the camp.

**Pre-camp swim checks are strongly encouraged!** Guidance for completing these tests prior to camp can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/430-122.pdf. Camp Aquatics Directors reserve the right to re-test anyone if they feel their swimming ability is in question.

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**1:00 - 5:00 PM -**
- CHECK-IN FOR LEADERS
- MEDICAL SCREENING
-DINING HALL ORIENTATION AND SWIM TEST

**5:00 PM** - OPTIONAL CAMP TOUR

**5:50 PM -** FLAG LOWERING

**6:00 - 6:45 PM -** DINNER

**7:15 PM -** RELIGIOUS SERVICE

**7:30 PM -** LEADER MEETING IN DINING HALL

**8:15 PM -** OPENING CAMPFIRE - ASSEMBLE AT FLAGPOLES

# While at Camp

## Life at Camp

While at Rhodes France, Scouts will stay in one of 13 campsites. Most campsites have a pavilion in the site.

Campsites all have potable water and latrines on site. Sites are also equipped with picnic tables and a fire ring.

Units must provide their own tents and cots at Rhodes France.

Campsites are sometimes shared by 2 Troops. **Please keep that in mind when setting up camp if you arrive before the other Troop.**

## General Camp Information

**TABLE CREW**

Meals at Rhodes France are served cafeteria style in the dining hall.

During your camp tour, your troop will learn about their table crew duties. These will include setting up before meals and cleaning up after each meal. These are the steps that are necessary to help ensure a smooth dining experience at each meal.

**RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE**

Rhodes France employs a full-time camp chaplain that is available to conduct religious services and visit with scouts and leaders.

**MAIL DELIVERY**

Scouts love getting mail at camp! Mail takes several days to arrive, so you may wish to send mail prior to your Scout's departure for camp. Please DO NOT send mail after Wednesday of your Scout's week of camp. To ensure proper delivery, use the complete address below:

Scout's Name & Troop Number
Rhodes France Scout Reservation
Campsite Name
815 N 500 East Rd
Pana, IL 62557

Use the address below and the message will be printed and delivered.
RFSRLettersFromHome@gmail.com

# While at Camp

## General Camp Information

**GATEWAY TRADERS (Trading Post)**

We have excellent camp stores in all of our camps! Each Gateway Traders Trading Post is stocked with an assortment of patches, cups, Scouting supplies, camp t-shirts, toiletries, snacks, and more! There is no specific amount of money a Scout should bring to camp, but on the average Scouts spend around $40, depending on the purchase of supplies for merit badges. Stores are open during program hours and in the evenings. Credit cards are accepted. No tabs are allowed.

**CAMP SHIRT PRE-ORDERS**

Units are **STRONGLY** encouraged to pre-order camp t-shirts. This will ensure Scouts get the size & quantity they need. You can pre-order shirts from www.gatewaytraders.org. The supply at camp will be limited.

**CAMP IS FOR SCOUTS & LEADERS**

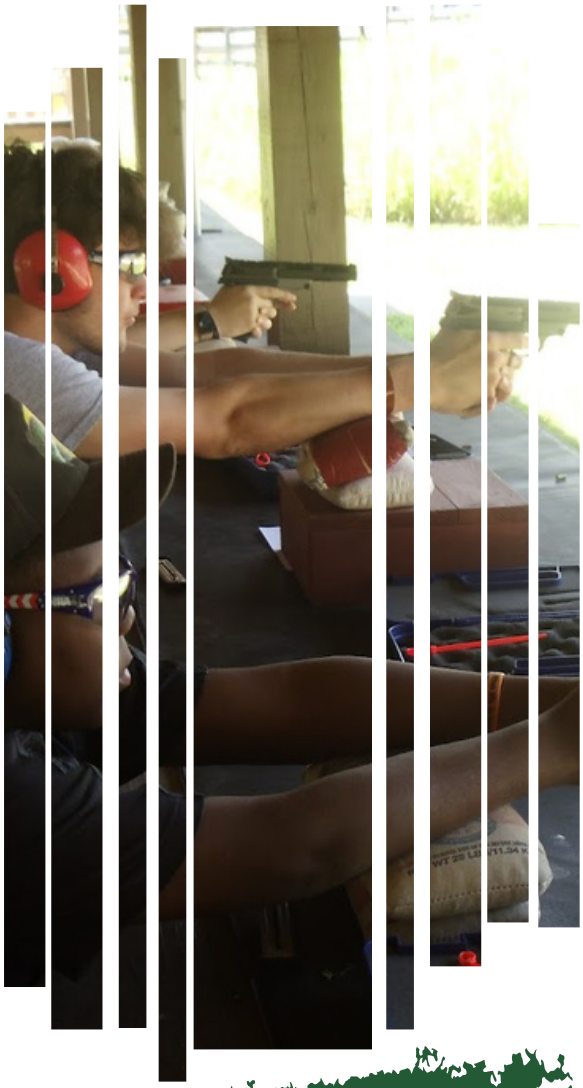
Summer camp is for registered Scouts BSA members and leaders. BSA policies do not permit non-registered siblings of any age to attend. Any adult leader who attends camp for more than 72 hours (does not have to be consecutive) MUST be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

**TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP**

Every unit must provide at least two registered adult leaders over the age of 21 for all Scouting activities, including Summer Camp.

**SCOUTS ARE HELPFUL**

Troops will be asked to help with certain cleaning duties at camp including shower and restroom facilities.



# Camp Program

## Camp Schedule

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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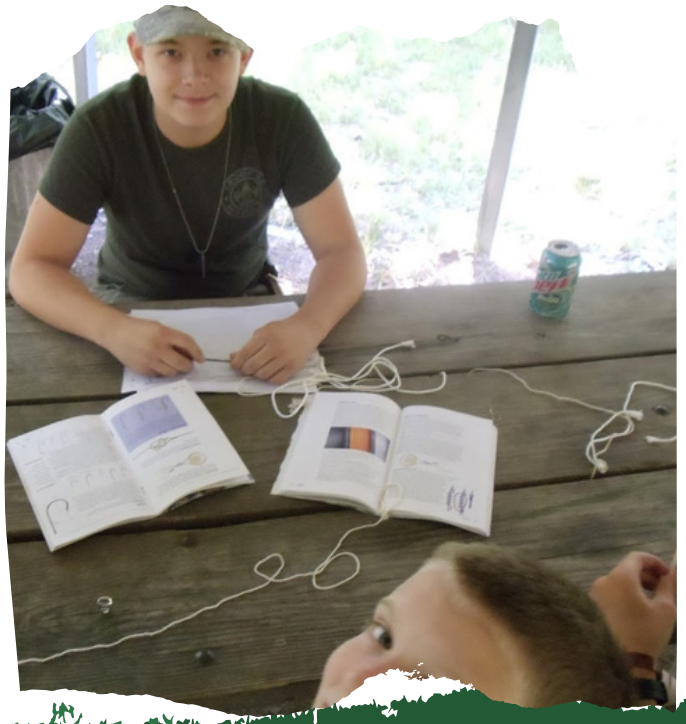
| **7:50am** | Flag Raising | | | | |
| **8:00am** | Breakfast | | | | |
| **9am - 12pm** | Merit Badge Sessions | | | | |
| **12:15pm** | Lunch | | | | |
| **2pm - 5pm** | Merit Badge Sessions & Open Programs | | | | |
| **5:50pm** | Flag Lowering | | | | |
| **6:00pm** | Dinner | | | | |
| **7:00pm** | Special Evening Programs | | | | |
| **8:15pm** | | | | | Closing Campfire |

**DAILY LEADER MEETINGS**

Each Troop needs to have at least one adult present at every meeting. These meetings will take place in the Dining Hall.

Sunday 7:30 p.m.
Monday 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 9:15 a.m.
Thursday 9:15 a.m.
Friday 9:15 a.m.



# Camp Program

## Aquatics

Rhodes France operates a large, in-ground pool for campers and leaders. Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges as well as an instructional swim period are offered at the Pool. Free swim periods are held each afternoon (except Sunday) during each week of camp.

**SPLASH-O-RAMA**

Splash-o-Rama is a party unlike anything you've seen before! Scouts will take part in inter-patrol competitions, aquatic activities, and other fun games on shore.

**BSA AQUATICS TRAINING FOR LEADERS**

Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat: Leaders can complete BSA Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat Training. There will be computer access to complete these courses online during the week.

**RECREATIONAL BOATING**

Canoes, rowboats, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards are available from 3:00pm - 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

Note: Scouts must be BSA Swimmers to use kayaks and paddleboards.

**MILE SWIM**

Mile Swim BSA is held on Friday. Specific times will be announced at camp.

Note: Any participant in the Mile Swim BSA must have a minimum of four hours of practice swimming in camp - prior to the Mile Swim - to qualify. Unit leadership is responsible for ensuring the practice swimming occurs during the week.

# Camp Program

## Aquatics

**FISHING**

Lake Millikin & Lake Kiwanis are full of bass, bluegill, and catfish! Bring your fishing gear and have a great time. Everyone must observe the following general fishing rules:

- Anyone 16 years old or older is required to have a valid Illinois Fishing License.
- Wading is not permitted.
- Live minnows may not be used in the lakes at any time.
- Fishing is not permitted in the vicinity of the boating area.

# Camp Program

## Wayfinder Program

The Wayfinder Program is the redesigned program for Scouts who have recently joined a troop or have just crossed over from Cub Scouts. This program replaced the Voyageur program of previous years. In Wayfinder, new Scouts are immersed in the Scouting Program and the S bar F Scout Ranch. Scouts will learn the patrol method and basic Scouting skills, and experience some of the many programs available at summer camp.

Scouts may now register for individual rank sessions based on their needs. Sessions are divided into Scout and Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Each session is one hour long and meets Monday through Friday in the Wayfinder area near the Commissary.

Like merit badge registration, you can select the sessions that each scout needs.

Merit badges are no longer automatically included in the program. Depending on the number of rank sessions in which the scout is enrolled, he or she may register for 3-5 merit badges of their choice. The rank sessions have been scheduled to offer at least one Swimming merit badge session at a non-conflicting time.

There is no additional fee for the Wayfinder program.

Leaders with more than five Scouts in the Wayfinder program are asked to assist by providing adult supervision as they have time available.

# Camp Program

## Merit Badge Program

Unit Leaders should guide Scouts to set achievable goals. Some subjects require a greater length of time for instruction than others, and this should be taken into account when scheduling them.

**Please remember to review this guide and schedule around certain activities that Scouts wish to participate in such as open swimming.** Scouts should be able to have some free time at camp to enjoy themselves. There is much more to summer camp than merit badges!

Unless otherwise noted, merit badge classes are Monday through Thursday with Friday being reserved for make-up sessions. The merit badge catalog with full descriptions starts on page 29 of this guide. A summarized table can be found at https://scoutingevent.com/312-59056 under "Attachments."

The merit badge pamphlets for the badges offered will not be available at the Camp Trading Post, however, your Scouts are **STRONGLY** encouraged to buy or borrow pamphlets prior to camp. Scouts should obtain, read, and study the current pamphlet for each merit badge they wish to pursue prior to attending classes.

Partial completion of a merit badge is not a failure, it is what the name indicates; partial success. Many Scouts will complete only sections of badges with prerequisites or that are very difficult. They then can complete them with another counselor at home or back at camp the following summer. Partials are valid until a Scout turns 18.

Be sure to provide the required documentation for Scouts who have completed requirements for merit badges before they come to camp.

# 2023 Summer Camp-Rhodes France

## Class Catalog

### Event Contacts

| Name | Title | Phone | Email |
|---|---|---|---|
| Council Contact | | 314-361-0600 | help@stlbsa.org |
| Matt Kaufman | Director of Summer Camp | 217.429.2326 | matt.kaufman@scouting.org |

**Registration opens January 03, 2023**
**Visit www.scoutingevent.com/312-59618 to register**

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# Class Catalog

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## Summer Camp - Scouts BSA 2023 (Scheduled Classes)

**SBS53 Animal Science**

Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, and other domesticated animals are important to people for many reasons. They supply us with food and clothing, we use them for recreational purposes, they work with and for us.

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: None
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS29 Archery**

Archery is a fun way for Scouts to exercise minds as well as bodies, developing a steady hand, a good eye, and a disciplined mind. This merit badge can provide a thorough introduction to those who are new to the bow and arrow - but even for the experienced archer, earning the badge can help to increase the understanding and appreciation of archery.

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 8
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 8
**Sessions:** All

2-3 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 8
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites - None
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS49 Art**

This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All

2-3 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #6
Minimum Age: All Scouts
All required materials will be provided as part of the class fee.

**SBS1 Astronomy**

In learning about astronomy, Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.

11-12 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #5b, #8
Bring pen and paper to camp; night observations will be required
Recommended advance work: Knowledge and practice in identifying constellations
Minimum age: All Scouts

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**SBS47 Basketry**

Basketry is a handy skill for a Scout. A basket can be a sturdy companion on campouts, carrying clothes snugly and efficiently, holding potatoes and corn for roasting over a campfire, or carrying the day's fishing catch back to camp for dinner. Baskets and basket-weaving projects also make great gifts for family and friends.

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $20.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: None
Minimum age: All Scouts
All required kits will be provided as part of the class fee.

**SBS12 Camping**

Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 20
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 20
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #3, #4b, #5e, #7b, #8d, #9 (bring documentation of your total camping experiences, in the form of reports of each trip; have the reports signed by your Scoutmaster. This can be pulled using the Activity Log in Scoutbook)
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS22 Canoeing**

For several centuries, the canoe was a primary method of travel for explorers and settlers. Today, it remains an important part of the wilderness experience and an enjoyable leisure activity that teaches communication, teamwork, and physical fitness.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 24
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 24
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2 (BSA Swimmer) and possess the physical strength required for carrying a canoe and rescuing a swamped canoe
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS45 Chemistry**

Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen - but can be proven to exist - and you become a chemist.

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #1c, #7
Minimum Age - All Scouts

# Class Catalog

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**SBS32 Chess**

Chess builds critical thinking, forward thinking, and proper sportsmanship in young people.

2-3 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: None
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS59 Citizenship in the Nation**

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Rank:** Star
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #5, #6, #7, #8
This badge requires extensive pre-work
Only for Scouts who are at least Star Rank

**SBS58 Citizenship in the World**

Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already citizens of the world. How good a world citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Rank:** Star
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #7
This badge requires extensive pre-work
Only for Scouts who are at least Star Rank

**SBS57 Communication**

This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."

4-5 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Rank:** Star
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #4, #5, #7, #8
This badge requires extensive pre-work
Only for Scouts who are at least Star Rank

**SBS13 Cooking**

The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.

11-1 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #4, #6
This is a difficult and time consuming badge; a limited number of cooking requirements can be completed at camp
Minimum age: All Scouts

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**SBS48 Electricity**

Electricity is a powerful and fascinating force of nature. As early as 600 b.c., observers of the physical world suspected that electricity existed but did not have a name for it. In fact, real progress in unraveling the mystery of electricity has come only within the last 250 years.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2, #8, #9a
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS55 Emergency Preparedness**

Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Age:** 12
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #1, #2c, #6c, #7a, #8b

**SBS2 Environmental Science**

While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All

2-3 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #3
This is a time consuming merit badge
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS14 First Aid**

First aid - caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care - is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #5, #7 (GSLAC Red Card)
Bring first aid kit and documentation of CPR instruction (GSLAC "Red Card")
Minimum age: All Scouts

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**SBS3 Fish and Wildlife Management**

Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife - both animals and fish - with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #5, #7
Bring materials to camp
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS4 Fishing**

In Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell offers this advice: "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself. A tenderfoot [beginner] who starved on the bank of a river full of fish would look very silly, yet it might happen to one who had never learned to catch fish."

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #7
Practice knots and study Outdoor Code prior to camp; requirement 7 involves knowledge of state and local regulations
Required Materials: Fishing rod & reel, line, bait or lures are needed for requirement 9
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS15 Geocaching**

The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #7, #8
GPS devices are available at camp, or Scouts may bring their own
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS51 Geology**

Geology is the study of Earth. It includes the study of materials that make up Earth, the processes that change it, and the history of how things happened, including human civilization, which depends on natural materials for existence.

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #4
Minimum Age: All Scouts

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**SBS66 Instructional Swim**

For Scouts who are not BSA Swimmers. The staff will focus on teaching fundamentals of swimming.

9-10 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All

**SBS23 Kayaking**

A basic-level merit badge for flat-water kayaking - whitewater kayaking will still fall under Whitewater merit badge.

9-10 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2 - Must be a BSA Swimmer
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS17 Leatherwork**

Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding.; and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond.

9-10 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $15.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #5
Minimum age: All Scouts
All required kits will be provided as part of the class fee.

**SBS24 Lifesaving**

No Scout will ignore a plea for help. However, the desire to help is of little use unless one knows how to give the proper aid. The main purpose of the Lifesaving merit badge is to prepare Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies.

9-10 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Age:** 12
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2a, #2b, #16 (GSLAC Red Card)
Recommended advance work: Practice swimming skills prior to camp
Required materials/preparation: Documentation of CPR instruction (GSLAC "Red Card")
Must be a strong swimmer

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**SBS52 Oceanography**

The oceans cover more than 70 percent of our planet and are the dominant feature of Earth. Wherever you live, the oceans influence the weather, the soil, the air, and the geography of your community. To study the oceans is to study Earth itself.

2-3 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #8
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS9 Photography**

Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers use photography to express their creativity, using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place, a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history.

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 12
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #1a
Scouts should plan to bring a camera or use their smartphone
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS19 Pioneering**

Pioneering-the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars-is among the oldest of Scouting's skills. Practicing rope use and completing projects with lashings also allow Scouts to connect with past generations, ancestors who used many of these skills as they sailed the open seas and lived in America's forests and prairies.

2-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Age:** 12
**Maximum number of participants:** 15
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Recommended advance work: Knowledge of knots and lashings
Construction of pioneering project can be time-consuming

**SBS64 Pistol Safety & Marksmanship**

The purpose of BSA shooting sports is to teach firearm safety while introducing youth to a variety of shooting sports programs. The BSA's shooting sports programs are developed and implemented through age-appropriate training and experiences.

The Boy Scouts of America adheres to its longstanding policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, and intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, archery, and hand-held throwing sports in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs for each youth who chooses to participate.

2-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $15.00
**Minimum Age:** 14
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: Scouts must be 14 years old. There is absolutely no exception to this standard. A signed parental waiver sheet is required.

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**SBS50 Pulp and Paper**

Here's an astonishing number to digest. Each person in the United States uses about 700 pounds of paper each year. Paper is everywhere in our lives. Every year in the United States, more than 2 billion individual books, 24 billion newspapers, and 350 million magazines are published on paper.

10-11 AM
**Days:** Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All

2-3 PM
**Days:** Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #7
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS10 Reptile and Amphibian Study**

Kids always have been interested in snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Developing knowledge about these captivating creatures leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife; understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and keeping one as a pet can be a good introduction to natural history; and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.

4-5 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #8
Required Materials: Drawing Materials
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS30 Rifle Shooting**

Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices.

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 30
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #1f
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS41 Rowing**

Rowing is the use of oars as a means of propelling boats, has grown from a basic method of transportation to a competitive sport and an enjoyable method of exercising.

10-11 AM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 12
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2 - Must be a BSA Swimmer
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS56 Scouting Heritage**

Introduces youth to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all - from Scouting's beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.

2-3 PM
**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #4, #5, #6
Minimum Age: All Scouts

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**SBS31 Shotgun Shooting**

A shotgun is a precision instrument, designed to shoot a shot charge in a specific pattern to cover a designated area at a certain distance. Unlike a rifle, the bore of the shotgun is not rifled, so the shot emerging from the muzzle is not spinning.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $40.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 14
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #1f
Recommended advance work: Knowledge of state and local regulations
Scouts must be physically able to shoot a shotgun.
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS42 Space Exploration**

Space is mysterious. We explore space for many reasons, not least because we don't know what is out there, it is vast, and humans are full of curiosity. Each time we send explorers into space, we learn something we didn't know before. We discover a little more of what is there.

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $15.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2
Minimum Age - All Scouts
All required kits will be provided as part of the class fee.

**SBS11 Sustainability**

Sustainability Merit Badge.

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** A family-orientated merit badge, all requirements pertaining to family discussions must be completed prior to camp in order to successfully complete the badge. These requirements include 1, 2a (water), 2a (food), 2b-c (energy), 2a-b (stuff), 4, & 5a
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS27 Swimming**

Swimming is a leisure activity, a competitive sport, and a basic survival skill. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about safety when swimming and diving, how swimming can contribute to overall fitness and health, and gain some basic competitive swimming skills.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 20
**Sessions:** All

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 20
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 20
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2 - Must be a BSA Swimmer
Recommended advance work: Knowledge of Safe Swim Defense Plan
Minimum age: All Scouts

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**SBS65 Three Gun Adventure**

This experience is for the Scout who enjoys Shooting Sports and would like to practice their marksmanship skills and have friendly competition. During the week, Scouts will shoot rifles, shotguns, and muzzleloaders.

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 10
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Where: Range
Prerequisites: Must have the Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badges prior to camp.
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS60 Wayfinder-First Class**

This new program will allow the camper's summer camp experience to focus on what they need to complete, and open up other times for additional programs.

Please selection this session if you are working towards your First Class Rank. This may vary, but in general the following requirements will be taught.
First Class - 3a, 3b, 3c, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f

Summer camp staff do not "sign off" on these requirements. The Scout's approval of the completion of these requirements should be managed by the Unit Leader (Guide to Advancement, Page 19). Troops will receive a printout at the end of their week showing which requirements were covered.

2-3 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 36
**Sessions:** All

**SBS62 Wayfinder-Scout & Tenderfoot**

This new program will allow the camper's summer camp experience to focus on what they need to complete, and open up other times for additional programs.

Please register for this session if you are working towards your Scout & Tenderfoot ranks. This may vary, but in general the following requirements will be taught.
Scout - 1a, 1b, 1c, 1f, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5
Tenderfoot - 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4d, 7a

Summer camp staff do not "sign off" on these requirements. The Scout's approval of the completion of these requirements should be managed by the Unit Leader (Guide to Advancement, Page 19). Troops will receive a printout at the end of their week showing which requirements were covered.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 36
**Sessions:** All

**SBS61 Wayfinder-Second Class**

This new program will allow the camper's summer camp experience to focus on what they need to complete, and open up other times for additional programs.

Please choose this session if you are working towards your Second Class Rank. This may vary, but in general the following requirements will be taught.
Second Class - 2b, 2c, 2f, 2g, 3b, 3c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

Summer camp staff do not "sign off" on these requirements. The Scout's approval of the completion of these requirements should be managed by the Unit Leader (Guide to Advancement, Page 19). Troops will receive a printout at the end of their week showing which requirements were covered.

10-11 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 36
**Sessions:** All

11-12 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 36
**Sessions:** All

# Class Catalog

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**SBS54 Weather**

Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Maximum number of participants:** 25
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #9
Minimum Age: All Scouts

**SBS20 Wilderness Survival**

In their outdoor activities, Scouts learn to bring the clothing and gear they need, to make good plans, and do their best to manage any risks. But now and then, something unexpected happens. When things go wrong, the skills of wilderness survival can help make everything right again.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Minimum Age:** 12
**Maximum number of participants:** 20
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Required Materials/preparation: Personal survival kit for requirement 5
Schedule includes a wilderness overnight
Minimum age: All Scouts

**SBS21 Wood Carving**

As with any art, wood carving involves learning the basics of design, along with material selection and tools and techniques, as well as wood-carving safety. The requirements of the Wood Carving merit badge introduce Scouts to an enjoyable hobby and that can become a lifetime activity.

9-10 AM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All

3-4 PM

**Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
**Additional Fee:** $10.00
**Maximum number of participants:** 16
**Sessions:** All
**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: #2a (Totin' Chip)
Required Materials; Bring a pocket knife
Minimum age: All Scouts
All required kits will be provided as part of the class fee.

# Camp Program

## Camp-wide Programs

**ADULT LEADER TRAINING**

Rhodes France Scout Reservation will be offering several adult leader training sessions throughout each week of summer camp. Courses could include Youth Protection Training, Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather, Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and more.

The **Opening Campfire** is presented by the Camp Staff on Sunday night. The **Closing Campfire** will take place on Friday. Troops are encouraged to perform skits and songs as part of this program. Troops should assemble on the parade ground at 8:15pm for both of these campfires.

**Each night** will feature a special program happening around camp. Monday will feature **field games**, Tuesday will be **Scout Olympics**, aquatics takes over on Thursday for **Splash-o-Rama**.

Patrols can earn the **Baden Powell Patrol Award** during their week at camp. The requirements for this award focus on Scout spirit and participation in special events and activities at camp.

The **Duty to God** award can be earned by any Scout and adult attending camp. Those interested must attend the Sunday evening chapel service.

Scouts are encouraged to turn in their targets at Rifle and Archery for the **Hot Shot competition**. The highest score in both archery and rifle for the week is awarded a special plaque at the end of the week.

Adults can participate in the **Dead-Eye competition**. Each adult can participate during the week. The adult with the highest score at the end of the week will be recognized with a plaque!

**Open Shoot** schedules will be posted during camp for Rifle & Shotgun.

# Camp Program

## Camp-wide Programs

**FAMILY NIGHT & OA CEREMONY**

Parents are invited to visit Camp on Wednesdays! They may arrive at camp beginning at 5:00 PM. Troops should plan to help guide visiting parents from the main parking lot to their campsite, where they are welcome to visit until after the Family Night Campfire & OA Call Out Ceremony at 8:15pm.

## Older Scout Activities

**THREE GUN ADVENTURE**

This experience is for the Scout who enjoys Shooting Sports and would like to practice their marksmanship skills and have friendly competition. During the week, Scouts will shoot rifles, shotguns, and muzzleloaders. Scouts must have the rifle and shotgun merit badges and be at least 14.

**BSA PISTOL SAFETY & MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM**

The BSA partners with the National Rifle Association to provide youth with a beginner pistol experience that focuses on the safe and responsible use of firearms.

In order to participate in this program, Scouts must register online and meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 14 years old or 13 years old and have completed the eighth grade.
- Complete the written permission slip.

**COWBOY ACTION SHOOT**

Scouts who are 14 years old or older can take part in the Cowboy Action Shoot. The schedule for this event will be released during camp. Scouts must also complete a permission slip in order to participate.

# Camp Program

## Order of the Arrow at Camp

The Order of the Arrow (O.A.) plays a vital role in the council's camping program. Members of the Order of the Arrow represent Scouting's honored campers. Please set the best example possible for all Scouts and adults to follow.

**OA ELECTION INFORMATION**

Shawnee Lodge unit elections can be held at camp. Work with the Camp Director to schedule. At least 50% of the unit must be present to conduct the election. The Shawnee Lodge citation fee must be paid in the camp Trading Post prior to the Callout ceremony. This fee will be posted on the lodge's website below. Pre-Ordeal takes place on Thursday night in-camp at S-F for candidates of Shawnee Lodge.

Anpetu-We, Nisha Kittan & Woapink Lodge unit elections are held prior to summer camp. Please visit your lodge's website below or contact the lodge leadership for assistance with completing your election.

Not sure which lodge you're in? Email help@stlbsa.org (include your Troop #) and we can help connect you!

**THE ELECTION**

The leader...

- Provides ballots (may be preprinted) and candidate list.
- Gives a short explanation of the O.A. and includes these points:
  - It is a national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America.
  - It honors those that best exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
  - The only way to gain membership is to be elected by their unit.
  - Leaders age 21 and older are not allowed to vote.
  - The election is not a popularity contest.
- Calls forward the candidates and has them form a line in the front of the troop.

More information about our Order of the Arrow Lodges is available at:
anpetu-we.org
nishakittan.org
shawneelodge.org
woapink.org

**Members of ALL lodges can be called-out at camp.**

# Additional Information

## S-F Ranger Program

The S-F Ranger Program offers adventures beyond regular summer camp. Scouts participating in the Ranger Program increase their appreciation of nature, camping, and self-reliance.

The Ranger Program's activities take place at various locations at S bar F Scout Ranch. Scouts live in outpost camps, carry all equipment necessary for camping, and hike portions of the Three Notch Trail that show nature in its raw form. Leadership is provided for all participants until Friday afternoon.

Teamwork, problem solving, cooperation, and leadership development are important parts of the Ranger Program. Specific activities vary from year to year; typical activities include blacksmithing, ropes course, and black powder shooting. Scouts swim, have time to fish, and participate in games designed to improve outdoor skills. Since many of the activities require strength, some physical conditioning may be desirable before camp.

The Ranger Program is for Scouts age 14 or older.

Individual Scouts often register for this experience as a second week of summer camp, and can receieve a $100 discount for doing so!

Cost is $420 per camp. The fee includes meals, program supplies, Ranger Emblem and camp segment. Visit https://scoutingevent.com/312-ranger23 to register and access program information, including the equipment list.

Scouts meet at 2:00pm on Sunday at the Scout Lodge in the Camporee Area. Supervision is provided for Scouts who will not be rejoining a troop at the conclusion of the program on Friday evening.

# Additional Information

## National Youth Leadership Training

**PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:**

**First Class rank or higher and completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops**

**13+ years old**

**Approved by the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor**

**Pack & Paddle candidates must be 14 years old by the date of camp and pass the BSA Swim test.**

**No rank requirement for Venturers and Sea Scouts**

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Register at https://scoutingevent.com/312-NYLTSummerCourses

# Additional Information

## Get involved at GSLAC Camps

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING A LASTING IMPACT ON SCOUTING PROPERTIES AND PROGRAM?**
**THE CAMPMASTER AND QUARTERMASTER PROGRAMS ALLOW YOU TO DO JUST THAT!**

The Campmaster program is designed to have interested volunteers assist at camp on weekends by checking-in units, responding to equipment needs, and working with the rangers to make sure any other needs are met.

The Quartermaster Corps allows volunteers with various skills to assist with maintenance projects at camp. Whether it is mowing grass, electrical work, or equipment operating, the needs are great and the assistance is invaluable.

Please contact the ranger station at any of the camps that you are interested in helping.

**DO YOU HAVE EXPERTISE IN...**

- ELECTRICAL
- PLUMBING
- HVAC SERVICE
- PAINTING
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT
- ROOFING
- CHAINSAW
- AUTO OR MARINE MECHANICS
- WELDING

**THEN JOIN THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS TODAY!**

# Additional Information

## Summer Camp Staff Opportunities

### THE ULTIMATE CAMP EXPERIENCE

Each year, the Greater St. Louis Area Council hires dedicated and passionate individuals to serve on summer camp staff. Staff members help provide a fun, positive experience for campers– while earning a salary! They also have the opportunity to earn a college scholarship worth up to $1,250.

Check the Camp Staff page at stlbsa.org for the 2023 Camp Staff application and interview information.

# Additional Information

## Frequently Asked Questions

**DO YOU HAVE A LOTTERY FOR SUMMER CAMP?**

No. During the "Deposit Phase," troops select their camp, campsite, and week of camp on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please visit the Scouts BSA Summer Camp page for a list of available weeks for each camp.

**HOW DO YOU COMPLY WITH BSA POLICY REGARDING TROOPS SHARING CAMPSITES?**

Boy Troops and Girl Troops can only share a campsite when they are "Linked Troops". This means that they share the same Chartered Organization. If Troops are not linked, campsites will be single-gendered.

**WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SCOUTS WILL ATTEND CAMP?**

That's ok! We know that numbers can be hard to estimate months before camp. We ask that troops estimate their attendance based on current troop membership, anticipated crossover Webelos, and any planned recruitment activities. We do not hold a set number of spots in reserve for each troop. Please do not grossly over-estimate numbers.

**WHAT IS THE PARENT PORTAL?**

The Parent Portal is an option in our online registration system that gives parents the ability to make payments and register for merit badges for their scout(s). The Scoutmaster will need to activate the Parent Portal within the unit's registration to use it. If you need assistance with this, please email help@stlbsa.org.

**WHAT IF THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM SAYS MY PREFERRED WEEK IS ALREADY FULL?**

All camps have a maximum capacity. This helps camp operate safely, have adequate equipment on hand, and provide Scouts a great program. If your first week choice is unavailable, please consider a different week. Weeks that occur later in the summer are oftentimes less-crowded and give Scouts even more program opportunities!

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# Additional Information

## Camp Graces

### Scout Benediction

*May the Great Master of all Scouts*
*be with us 'til we meet again,*
*Amen.*

### S bar F Ranch

*For the gifts of food and freedom*
*And hills to roam*
*For crimson sunsets*
*For the earth, our home,*
*For the stars at night*
*And gentle wind in trees*
*Thank you, Great Spirit, For all of these.*
*Amen.*

### Camp Lewallen

*Beneath the stars above Logan,*
*by the river as it winds,*
*Looking over old Potashnick,*
*and sheltered by the towering pines,*
*We thank you Lord for these blessings*
*— this food, this fellowship, and this day.*
*And ask your continued grace and mercy*
*as we carry on the Scouting way.*
*Amen.*

### Camp May

*We thank you, Lord, in every way*
*For the gifts you give to us each day,*
*For the gifts of life, the gifts of love,*
*The gifts of friends and heavens above.*
*For every Scout who does his best,*
*May this food of ours be blessed.*
*Amen.*

### Philmont

*For food, for raiment, For life, for opportunity,For friendship and fellowship, We thank Thee, O Lord.*
*Amen.*

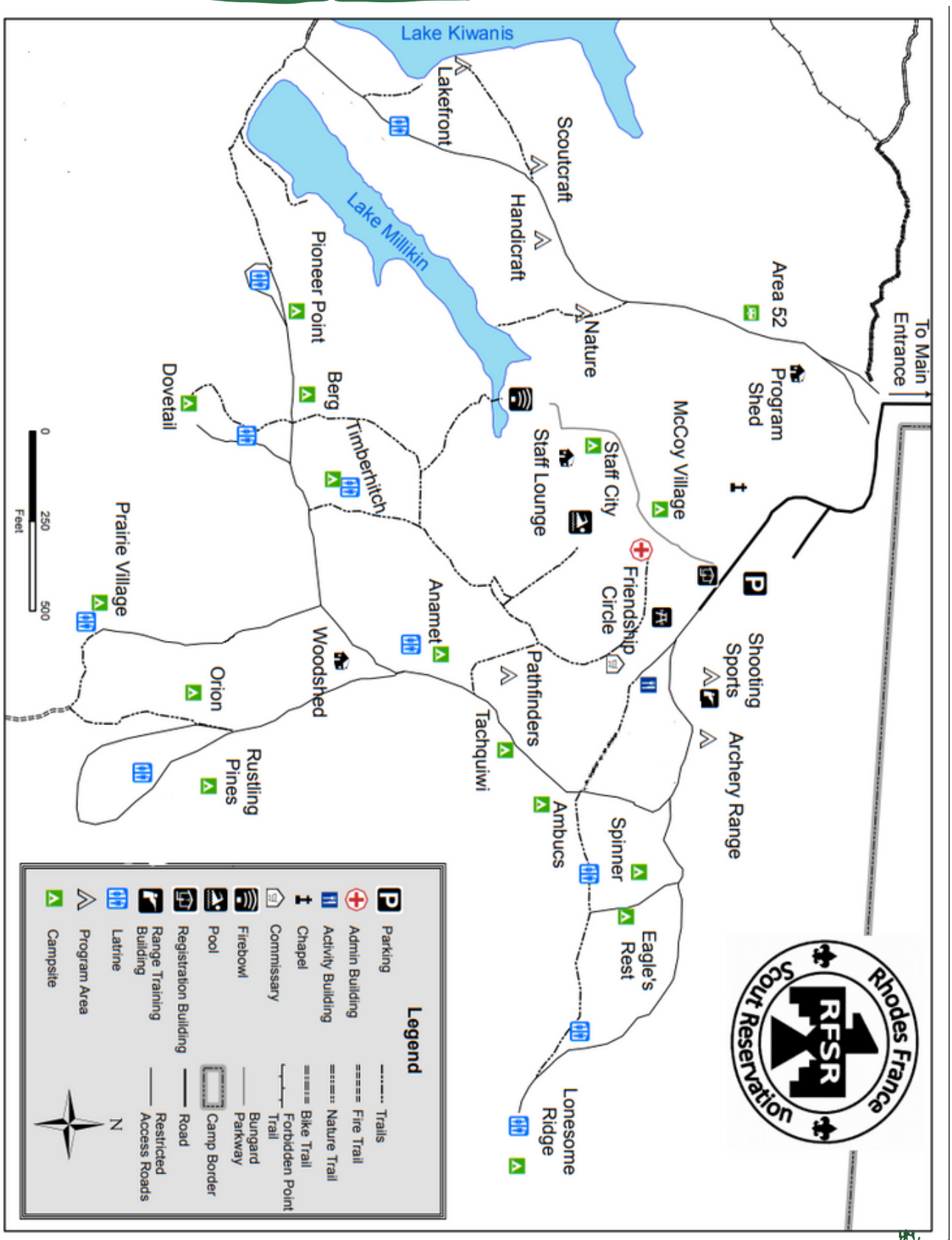
### Florida Sea Base
### The Keys Blessing

*Bless the creatures of the sea,*
*Bless this person I call me.*
*Bless the Keys you made so grand,*
*Bless the sun that warms the land.*
*Bless the fellowship we feel,*
*as we gather for this meal.*
*Amen.*

### Northern Tier Wilderness

*For food, for raiment, For life and opportunity, For sun and rain, For water and portage trails, For friendship and fellowship, We thank Thee, O Lord.*
*Amen.*

### Rhodes France

*For Wind in the Trees and*
*Good Times by the Fire*
*For Food Shared with Friends,*
*and For All Your Care.*
*We Thank You Dear Father,*
*Your Love We Will Share.*
*Amen.*

# Additional Information